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Subcommittee to hold Field Hearing
on Faith-Based Service Providers

What: Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources oversight hearing on the effectiveness of faith-based organizations.

When: Saturday, April 12, 2003, 1:00 p.m.

Where: Victory Fellowship Annex Building, 2101 Buena Vista, San Antonio, Texas

Background:

Faith-based Organizations have long been assisting people in need, but recently the public policy debate surrounding the ability of faith-based organizations to provide social services on an equal basis as secular providers has intensified due to legislation and executive orders that promote charitable choice.

Research in the area of the effectiveness of faith-based organizations is limited, and often largely anecdotal. The question remains as to what factors make the faith-based organization uniquely qualified to provide social services. This hearing is intended to begin consideration of what, in the eyes of the providers, makes faith-based organizations especially equipped to provide social services to the community.

Witnesses:

Pastor Freddie and Ninfa Garcia, Jubal Garcia, and Joe Willome, Victory Fellowship
Mr. Philip Dautrich, Program Director, InnerChange Freedom Initiative, Carol Vance Unit
Mr. Greg Kepferle, Director, Catholic Charities of Central New Mexico
Mitch Sudolsky, Director, Jewish Family Services, Austin, Texas
Mike Tellez, Businessman, Las Cruces, NM
Leslie Grubbs, Director, Urban Connection San Antonio
Milt MacFarland, Christian Assistance Ministry, San Antonio

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